Emergency Preparedness Practice at MAPC

Jan 18, 2024
Kickstarter

- Have you had a role in preparing for an emergency?
- Have you had a role in responding to an emergency?

Through your thoughts in the Chat…
Munis have emergency plans but don’t regularly test or update them.

Their local emergency leads have day jobs.

May have considered threats and hazards, but have not drilled on how to respond to impacts.

COVID forced munis to scramble, but they have learned a lot of lessons they can use in preparing for future emergencies.
Assistance

- Various types of emergency preparedness plans, including emergency management and response, shelter plans, evacuation plans
  - Emergency management plan gap analysis and review facilitation
  - Preparedness trainings and exercises to include table tops and drills
  - Response evaluation and after-action report

- Continuity of operations planning for municipalities and partner organizations
- Hazard vulnerability assessments
- Community disaster resilience planning and support (i.e., building on community assets to enable a community to withstand, adapt to and recover from adverse events)

Anything other types of assistance come to mind?
Strengths

Smart Growth & Regional Collaboration

Massachusetts Homeland Security Planning Regions

NERAC

northeast homeland security regional advisory cc region 3
Our Recent Work:

Recent projects we’ve worked on include:

- Created a Migrant Arrival Emergency Best Practice Guide for Municipalities
- Developed a Mass Care and Shelter Coordination Plan for municipal partners
- Developed an Evacuation Plan for a multi-building housing authority
- Developed regional COVID-19 vaccination partnerships
- Coordinated emergency notification system drills and producing after-action reports and improvement plans
- Wrote hazard and vulnerability assessments for health and medical stakeholders
- Developing a comprehensive emergency management plan for a municipal partner

Beth Robert, Emergency Preparedness Manager
erobert@mapc.org

Dan Witts, Emergency Preparedness Specialist
dwitts@mapc.org

Jenifer Wallitsch, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
jwallitsch@mapc.org

Are there areas of your work where these skills could be helpful?